

OPINION 1814

***Catharacta antarctica lonnbergi* Mathews, 1912 (currently *Catharacta skua lonnbergi*) and *Catharacta skua hamiltoni* Hagen, 1952 (Aves, Charadriiformes): subspecific names conserved**

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the subspecific name *madagascariensis* Bonaparte, 1856, as published in the trinomen *Stercorarius antarcticus madagascariensis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *lonnbergi* Mathews, 1912, as published in the trinomen *Catharacta antarctica lonnbergi*;

(b) *hamiltoni* Hagen, 1952, as published in the trinomen *Catharacta skua hamiltoni*.

(3) The name *madagascariensis* Bonaparte, 1856, as published in the trinomen *Stercorarius antarcticus madagascariensis* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2816

An application for the conservation of the subspecific name of *Catharacta antarctica lonnbergi* Mathews, 1912 was received from Drs J.-F. Voisin and C. Voisin (*Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France*), W.J. Bock (*Columbia University in the City of New York, N.Y., U.S.A.*) and M. Théry (*C.N.R.S., U.R.A., Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Brunoy, Paris, France*) on 16 April 1991. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 50: 48–51 (March 1993). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment from Drs W.R.P. Bourne (*Aberdeen University, Aberdeen, U.K.*), P.R. Colston (*The Natural History Museum, Tring, Hertfordshire, U.K.*) & R.W. Furness (*Glasgow University, Glasgow, U.K.*), published in BZN 50: 294–295 (December 1993), supported the suppression of the subspecific name of *Stercorarius antarcticus madagascariensis* Bonaparte, 1856 but identified the holotype of *madagascariensis* as probably *Catharacta skua hamiltoni* Hagen, 1952 (p. 135); they proposed (BZN 50: 295) that the name *hamiltoni* should also be placed on the Official List. In a reply, published in BZN 51: 52–53 (March 1994), the authors of the application agreed to this proposal. The additional proposal was included on the voting paper.

It was noted on the voting paper that *Catharacta skua hamiltoni* was fully described and documented by Hagen (1952, pp. 135–145). Nine specimens were collected from the islands of Tristan da Cunha, Nightingale and Inaccessible and deposited in the Zoological Museum of Oslo.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1994 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 50: 50 and 295. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1994 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 22: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet (part), Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell (part), Holthuis, Kabata, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Cogger and Lehtinen.

No votes were received from Halvorsen and Uéno.

Dupuis, Kraus and Ride were on leave of absence.

Cogger commented that he would have preferred to give *lonnbergi* or *hamiltoni* precedence over *madagascariensis*, rather than suppressing the last name. Bouchet abstained on the additional proposal to place *C. s. hamiltoni* on the Official List. Heppell commented: 'I vote for the application but as I see no reason to seek the addition of *hamiltoni* to the Official List, I am voting against that additional proposal'.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

hamiltoni, *Catharacta skua*, Hagen, 1952, *Results of the Norwegian Scientific Expedition to Tristan da Cunha 1937-1938*, 20: 135.

lonnbergi, *Catharacta antarctica*, Mathews, 1912, *Novitates Zoologicae*, 18(3): 212.

madagascariensis, *Stercorarius antarcticus*, Bonaparte, 1856, *Conspectus generum avium*, vol. 2, p. 207.